

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-EX-P]

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2019-0191]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of a Currently-Approved
Information Collection Request: Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers of
Passengers and Motor Carriers of Property

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. The information collected will be used to help ensure that motor carriers of passengers and property maintain appropriate levels of financial responsibility to operate on public highways.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS

AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IN THE FEDERAL

REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2019-0191 using any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- <u>Mail</u>: Docket Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- <u>Hand Delivery or Courier</u>: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC, 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

<u>Docket</u>: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov, and follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets, or go to the street address listed above.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

<u>Public Participation</u>: The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can obtain electronic submission and retrieval help and

guidelines under the "help" section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments online. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Secrist, Office of Registration and Safety Information, Chief, Registration, Licensing and Insurance Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-385-2367; email: jeff.secrist@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Transportation is responsible for implementing regulations which establish minimal levels of financial responsibility for: (1) for-hire motor carriers of property to cover public liability, property damage and environmental restoration, and (2) for-hire motor carriers of passengers to cover public liability and property damage. The Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability (Forms MCS-90/90B) and the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Forms MCS-82/82B) contain the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a motor carrier of property or passengers has obtained, and has in effect, the minimum levels of financial responsibility as set forth in applicable regulations (motor carriers of property – 49 CFR 387.9; and motor carriers of passengers – 49 CFR 387.33). FMCSA and the public can verify that a motor carrier of property or passengers

has obtained, and has in effect, the required minimum levels of financial responsibility, by use of the information enclosed within these documents.

Title: Financial Responsibility for Motor Carrier of Passengers and Motor Carriers of Property.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0008.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Insurance underwriters for insurance and surety companies of motor carriers of property (Forms MCS-90 and MCS-82) and passengers (Forms MCS-90B and MCS-82B), motor carrier clerks employed by motor carriers (storing/maintaining insurance and/or surety bond documentation), and vehicle maintenance staff employed by Canadian and Mexican/non-North-American (NNA) domiciled motor carriers (placing copies of documentation in vehicles).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 202,458.

Estimated Time per Response: FMCSA estimates it takes 2 minutes to complete the Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurances for Public Liability (Forms MCS-90 for property carriers and MCS-90B for passenger carriers) or the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Forms MCS-82 for property carriers and MCS-82B for passenger carriers); 1 minute to store/maintain documents at the motor carrier's place of business [49 CFR 387.7(d); 49 CFR 387.31(d)]; and 1 minute to place either document on board the vehicle, required for Canadian and Mexican/NNA carriers operating in the United States [49 CFR 387.7(f); 387.31(f)].

Expiration Date: January 31, 2020.

Frequency of Response: Upon creation, change, or replacement of an insurance policy

or surety bond.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 5,739 hours [4,931 annual burden hours for ICs 1-4

+ 808 annual burden hours for IC-5 document placement in vehicles = 5,739].

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information

collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the

performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3)

ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected

information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the

quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your

comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued on: September 25, 2019.

Kenneth Riddle,

Director for Office of Registration and

Safety Information.

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